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FARM GROUPS CONFERRING ON STRIKE SITUATION

Harvest Makes Position Wheat Industry Sound

PRAIRIE CROP OF 420 MILLION BUS. BUREAU ESTIMATE

Feed Crops Improvement May
Help to Halt Decline in
Hog Population

MINISTERS RETURNING

Will Mean Clarifying of Govern-
ment's Position in Regard
to Farm Strike

By M. McDUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Sept. 18th.—The statistical bureau's estimate of the wheat harvest of 440,567,000 bushels (420,000,000 from the Prairie Provinces, 162,000,000 from Alberta, 216,000,000 from Saskatchewan and 62,000,000 Manitoba) roughly approximates earlier predictions, and exceeds last year's crop by about 135,000,000 bushels. It puts this country in the position that with the 100,000,000 domestic consumption it can fill the British contract of 160,000,000 bushels and still have 180,000,000 for other export, leaving the small carryover of about 70,000,000 at the same figure.

In Sound Position

Whether it will be considered wise to keep it down to this low level is another matter. In any event the harvest puts the wheat industry in a very sound position, able to fill present commitments abroad with a fair but not unwieldy balance to meet prospective requirements. With great damage to the crops in Britain, the call from that country will be more urgent. This was emphasized by Lord Addison, government leader in House of Lords on his visit to Ottawa.

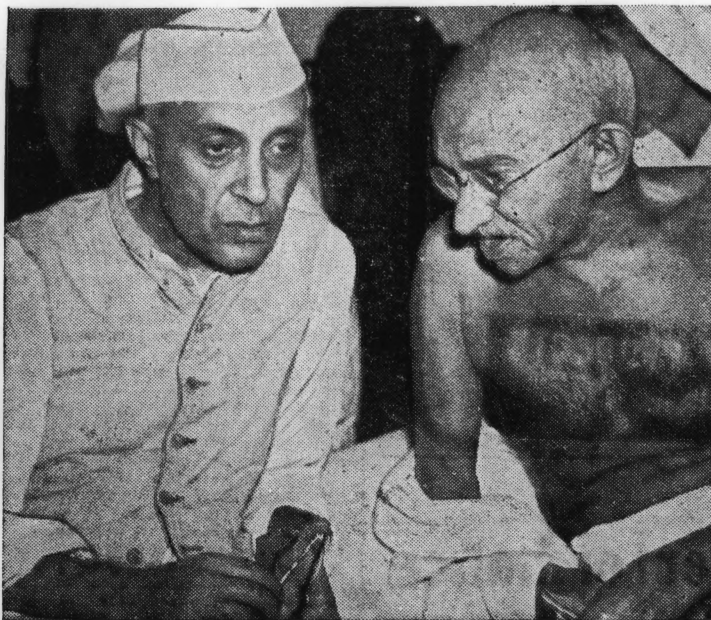
The improvement in the feed grain crops—in spite of the decrease in acreage in some cases in favor of wheat—is a favorable factor in the campaign to bring to a halt the decline in the hog population of Canadian farms. The decline that was shown in the census of June 1st was counteracted to some extent by the fact that the number of sows in farrow was only very slightly under the number on the same date in 1945. This indicated a levelling off in the decline.

Position re Farm Strike

With FAO conference at an end, the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, will shortly be back in Canada. The Minister of Finance, Hon. J. L. Ilsley, will also in a day or two return to Ottawa. With these two key Cabinet Ministers on hand, the Government's policy in relation to the farmer strike in Alberta and the threat in Saskatchewan will be made known. In the meantime, beyond the telegrams exchanged between the Prime Minister of Canada

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Progressive Leader Heads Indian Cabinet



With complete control over internal affairs, and with an external status comparable to that of Canada or Australia, the new Indian Government, recently sworn into office, is headed by Jawaharlal Nehru (left), President of the Congress Party who believes that India must break with tradition and adopt advanced ideas in social, economic and political affairs. The government, Nehru announced, will begin at once a program for improvement in the living conditions of India's millions, their health and education. Mahatma Gandhi (right), declared shortly after the formation of the new Government that the door to complete freedom for India was open; and that, whatever India's quarrel with Britain in the past, gratitude must be accorded for its willingness to come to an agreement with Indian leaders. While it has been boycotted by the Moslem League, the Indian Government includes two nationalist Moslems, and two additional seats are being kept vacant, for members of the League, if an agreement can be reached, or for independent Moslems.

Margin Between Life and Death Represented by Food From UNRRA Stocks

The more than 5,000,000 tons of foods delivered by UNRRA to hungry nations in many regions represented the marginal difference between life and death, states the official review for the two years ending July, 1946. Aid towards self-help was supplied in form of vast quantities of seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, farm tractors and other equipment; of trucks and road-building machinery to assist distribution; of clothing for immediate needs and industrial equipment to help in the provision of clothing in the future; and of such other industrial supplies as railway rolling stock, mining equipment, power units, and countless other items. By this means, states the report, "the terrible human ravages of the war in Europe have been at least partly neutralized and in China mitigated to a lesser degree."

Not a single co-operative leader in Norway was a traitor during the war.

Vote Is to Continue Milk Deliveries to C.A.D.P. Condensery

RED DEER, Sept. 17th.—In response to a request from the head office of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, for an expression of opinion from the milk shipping members of the Pool, these members have voted at the rate of approximately one hundred to one up to now in favor of continuing deliveries to the plant in order that the milk may not be destroyed. The condensery, therefore, will continue to operate on a holding basis that is to say, milk will be withheld from the market until the strike is called off.

In Saskatchewan, according to the despatches, the strike committees have approached the co-operative creameries with a view to the continuance of their operation on a holding basis. This has been done in advance of the actual beginning of the strike.

A.F.U. PRESIDENT MEETING U.F.C. TO CONSIDER ISSUES

Committee Representing 33 Alberta
Farm Co-operatives Presents
Brief to A.F.U.

NATURE NOT DISCLOSED

U.F.C. Reiterates Strike Call in
Sister Province—Effects Alberta
Strike Widely Felt

As the non-delivery strike called by the Alberta Farmers' Union nears the end of its second week, conferences have been taking place between the strike committee and a committee appointed by the representatives of 33 Alberta Co-operative Associations who met in Edmonton at the call of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and at the request of one of its members. As we go to press it is announced that the A.F.U. President Stimpfle has left for Saskatoon to confer with the representatives of the United Farmers of Canada (Sask. Section) and that no statement in regard to the discussions between the committee of co-operatives and the A.F.U. will be made till the A.F.U. delegate returns to this Province. The nature of the brief from the co-operatives in relation to strike action has not been disclosed.

Ask Fact Finding Board

The Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, which is not represented on the committee of the co-operatives dealing with the A.F.U., and which has issued no statement in any way dealing with the subject of the strike, on Tuesday wired Premier King "urging your Government to take early action to appoint a fact finding board representative of the various interests involved to determine prices for agricultural products which will give to the farmers of Canada their fair share of the national income."

In view of these developments, any survey of the strike situation may be out of date within a few hours of its being written. Reports indicate that the strike has had a profound effect in reducing deliveries of farm products over wide areas of Northern and Central Alberta, and that an acute situation is arising in consequence in Edmonton. There has also been action at a considerable number of points in the more southerly parts of the Province; but here it is not nearly so extensive. Deliveries in Calgary according to reports, have not been very greatly affected.

Strike Call in Saskatchewan

On Tuesday Frank Eliason, Secretary of the United Farmers of Canada (Sask. Section) said that a strike call previously made had been reiterated after some 150 locals had asked the executive to urge all farmers to organize for strike action. He said farmers would be asked to hold all products

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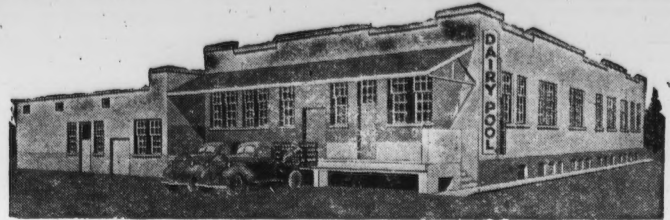
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SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



The Highway Ahead

By LEONARD D. NESBITT, Superintendent
of Publicity, Alberta Wheat Pool

NOTE.—In terms both clear and overwhelmingly convincing, Mr. Nesbitt presents below the case for co-operation. In the able work that he has done for the farmers' cause over a long term of years, Mr. Nesbitt has never confined his interests within narrow range. He has been ready always to give help and encouragement to our Farmers' Co-operatives in many fields. In behalf of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool I wish to extend thanks to him for the fine article which follows.

Yours fraternally.

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM BURNS, President of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, has asked me to write an article for that section of *The Western Farm Leader* which is devoted to the affairs of his organization.

Each One Important to All

As most readers of this publication now know, I have directed the publicity affairs of the Alberta Wheat Pool for almost twenty years. Years ago I reached the definite conclusion that the Alberta Wheat Pool is only part of the co-operative movement. It operates efficiently and effectively in its own field, but it can only make progress as the whole co-operative idea is advanced. It must therefore be deeply concerned with the welfare of every co-operative. The good or ill of one co-operative is of great importance to every other co-operative.

Aim Is Plenty for All

The co-operative plan envisages the mass of the people learning to build their own businesses with their own hands in a practical way. It aims at increasing mankind's productivity in every line so that there may be plenty for all. Through the distribution of plenty the general standard of living for all the people may be advanced.

The co-operative movement provides the best and simplest way for farmers to enter the business world. In fact, it is the only way for farmers to create service organizations.

Not only should farmers support co-operatives, but they also should take a personal interest in them. By so doing they will find their horizon will be broadened and their interest will be substantially increased. They will understand that to render service is the first and dominating motive of true co-operative organizations. This motive is directly in harmony with the main interests of producers, because their existence and economic independence hinge more on the services of marketing than on the profit made from such services. That is just the reverse of the private owners' interest. The owners of marketing agencies receive their income from the profit made, so their interest is not in the rendering of service for the sake of service but for the sake of profit.

Service For Its Own Sake

The supreme interest of co-operation is to render service for its own sake. Any excess earnings or savings made by a co-operative belong, of course, to the membership. But profit as such is a minor benefit of co-operation in contrast to the main benefit of lowering charges, narrowing spreads and improving the work of marketing to the advantage of the farmer.

Much has been written of the difficulty of collaboration between people who are not like-minded, and the necessity of creating a psychology of co-operation. But neither like-mindedness nor a psychology of co-operation are fixed attributes. People become like-minded by doing things together and by sharing the same experiences. The way to create a psychology of co-operation is not to preach co-operation but to practice it.

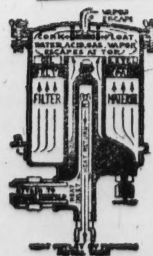
Building a New World

By co-operating with your fellows you have the opportunity to assist in the building of a new world, a world of wealth, happiness, beauty, wisdom and power, used to provide every good thing whose presence enriches and magnifies life. The old order is gradually passing, so there is an opportunity to build in its place, freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom from aggression, and the assurance of a degree of security for all.

Thoughtful people must be impressed with the fact that if peace is to prevail on earth and the abundance that can be produced is to be fully distributed, there must be a revolution in business and distributive methods. One cannot help but sense that the proper way of life for all of us, whether in the country or city, on

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the farm, in the office or in the factory, is that of co-operation and good-will instead of ruthless competition with its inevitable destruction of all spiritual values and finally, for many, economic ruin. That is why we in the co-operative movement believe that we are really opening up that which some day will be a great highway of life for mankind.

Of course the co-operative movement is not the only answer to the problems of the world, but the soundness of its principles, the method in which it distributes wealth among the people, and its high idealism, make it imperative that it be incorporated in any new system of human relationships which may be developed.

Must Begin in Farm Home

To build a Western Canadian civilization worthy of the name we must begin in the farm home and build around and about it and evolve from its life, its necessities and desires, a civilization which will suit us, of which we can be proud, and which will make us respected among other peoples. I do not believe this can be done without the widespread development of co-operation. As the farm people learn to work together in co-operative activities they will develop a spirit of independence and self-reliance which can never be obtained by delegating their business to other hands.

By giving abundant support to farm co-operatives, rural Western Canada can make a real contribution to the movement, to the agricultural life of the Prairie Provinces, and to the development of a civilization which

will result in the establishing of thousands of competent satisfied farm families, well educated, well clothed, well fed, and healthy, dwelling in modern farm homes. Here rest the foundations of social, economic stability and security of government.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Another Co-operative on the Way.

The reports presented at the Annual Meeting of the Horse Co-operative Marketing Association Ltd. held in Swift Current recently, go to prove that the organized farmer can, and is, successfully conducting another phase of his industry, namely meat processing.

The Horse Co-operative Marketing Association was first visualized by a group of Saskatchewan ranchers who realized that the many thousands of unbroken range horses were a detriment to their grass lands and to their general economy. This group, spearheaded by George Newton, met in April, 1944, and formed an organization to consider ways and means of turning this apparent liability into an asset.

Objectives Outlined.—The objectives of this organization were outlined as:

1. To conserve the grazing and pasture lands of Western Canada by finding a market for surplus horses.
2. To assist in improving the market for well broken farm horses.
3. To assist in enabling a better land use policy in livestock production.
4. To find the best available market and to return to the producer all profits of the transaction.

The signing of a contract with the Belgian Government for 10,000 tons of pickled horse meat in May, 1945, gave the Association a good go-ahead signal. Plans were immediately put into effect by the construction of a packing plant at Swift Current and the purchasing of a small plant in Edmonton.

What Reports Show.—The reports presented at the Annual Meeting show that in the short space of eight months' actual operation the objectives of the Association are being implemented. Twenty-seven thousand horses have been processed for human consumption in the food hungry countries of Europe and over a thousand work horses have been sold to UNRRA for export to European countries. In this way the Association has established an improved market not only for their members, who number 6,700, but also for every horse owner in Western Canada.

What of the future? is the question being posed by many of the members. How long will the supply of horses last? What of future markets?

Careful surveys show that the supply of surplus horses is sufficient for a number of years. There is this point to consider. As the supply decreases, more co-operative effort will be needed in assembling car lots for shipment.

Further Contracts Warranted.—The quality of both the pickled meat and canned product will undoubtedly warrant further contracts in the European markets where horse meat is received with favor. The ever expanding fur farming industry will absorb large quantities of this product and there are the Pet Food products which have not been attempted to date. When the supply of horses is depleted, or should these markets fail, we still have two modern plants that can be readily converted for cattle and hog slaughtering. Thus, support by the members, coupled with sound direction by the delegates and directors along with capable administration, can only result in success.

Women In Proposed A.F.A. Setup—There appears to be some misunderstanding as to the status of women in

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

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Reply to Enquiry

Owner Can Sell

M.L.—There is nothing to stop the owner of the land which you are leasing from selling the land subject

to the proposed new set-up of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. In the Provisional Constitution provision is made for the setting up of women's locals. This does not mean, however, that women cannot be a part of the ordinary local with their men folk. They are eligible for regular membership in the A.F.A. and no distinction whatever is made between men and women. There are districts where women wish to have a local of their own for social purposes and general interest to themselves. For that reason provision has been made in the Constitution for the organization of women's locals.

to such rights as you may have as Lessee. The only question which arises is the length of notice which must be given you in order to terminate the lease. Without knowing more of the nature of your lease, whether it is verbal only or written, and if written, the terms of the document, I cannot advise you on that point. You may be able to demand a six months' clear notice. It would probably be to your interest to place the facts before a lawyer and get his opinion on that point.

Choice of School

N.H.C.—Under the School Act you are an elector of the School Division in which you reside and have the right to send your children to the proper school in that division. If, because of convenience, you wish to send your children to a school in another division it would be well for you to first make an arrangement with that division to do so. Your case appears to be somewhat unusual, and it might be well to place your difficulty before the Deputy Minister of Education at Edmonton.

Town Is Within Rights

A.C.F.—The Town is quite within its rights in restricting the vote in question to ratepayers of the Town. This is fully set out in the Town and Village Act.

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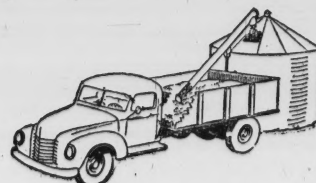
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RED DEER CONDENSERY

As the statement issued to its members by the Board of Directors of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool makes clear, the milk condensery business carried on by the Pool at Red Deer would suffer a setback, from which it would be difficult to recover, if the normal flow of its supplies of milk should be seriously interrupted.

We think, therefore, that whatever policy may be followed during the period of the non-delivery strike with respect to other commodities, milk for this condensery should be treated as a special case.

The fact is that if the condensery should be unable to fill its quotas, these quotas would be transferred from this co-operative enterprise—the property of many thousands of farmers in Central Alberta—to other condenseries, in other Provinces.

It would be a tragedy for the members if this should happen; for the results of the producers' efforts, extended over a generation, to secure for themselves control over the manufacture and distribution of their own product, would be lost, at least in part—and much of the loss might be permanent. Certainly, many thousands of the farmers' dollars which have been spent in building up a consumer market mainly outside Alberta, would have gone for naught. It would be necessary to build the market again, perhaps almost from the ground up, if the failure of supplies were prolonged, and much of the expense of past decades would have to be duplicated.

For all these reasons we feel confident that the supply of milk for this plant will be uninterrupted.

PARIS, NEW YORK—AND COPENHAGEN

Dominated by the spirit of power politics, delegates to the Peace Conference at Paris wrangle from day to day, and the frequent clashes between statesmen of the highest rank make the headlines in the newspapers.

At Lake Success, New York, a similar struggle goes on in the Security Council of the United Nations, and the disagreements (more common than agreements) between the delegates gathered there, are also front page "news".

Simultaneously with these other gatherings, a third international conference—that of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization—has been taking place at Copenhagen, Denmark. To discover what is there being decided, it has often been necessary to search the more obscure places on the inside pages.

"ONLY ANSWER TO ATOMIC BOMB"

Yet the decisions of the delegates to the FAO (to use the initials by which the Food and Agriculture Organization is commonly known) give promise of real achievement. They may well contribute more to the cause of international peace than all the discussions to date at the much more widely publicised gatherings. It was Sir John Orr, the Director General of FAO, who reminded the delegates the other day that the organization which he heads has been called "the only real answer to the atomic bomb."

Sir John is not addicted to extravagant utterance. He is a cautious Scot, and his words carry weight. Presumably, the reason why he is willing to suggest that only the FAO can give the answer to the atomic

REMORSE

*How careless have we been of place and power
That valiant women, seeing it our right,
Did battle for and left us as our dower.*

*They armed us thus a bold campaign to fight
Against the evils that so slyly crept
Into a world ruled by men alone.*

*Our faith with those brave women was not kept—
Their precious seed on barren ground was sown.*

*Perchance if trivial gods we had forsworn,
And raised our voices in the halls of state,
Where policies are shaped and wars are born,
We might not now be bent beneath the weight
Of fear, while ghostly whisperings imply
That soon our dead sons' sons may also die.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON:

bomb is that the FAO alone among international organizations is concerned with the dual task of seeing that the world is adequately fed—or at least that the fear of starvation is removed—and at the same time of ensuring that the world's farmers, who constitute the great majority of mankind, shall have a livelihood and reasonably good standards of comfort.

ENDORSES WORLD FOOD BOARD

It was announced over the week-end that the FAO had "endorsed the objectives of an international board to stabilize farm prices and provide food where there is need, and had then turned its interest to a preparatory commission which is to report on the operations of the proposed board."

The Food and Agriculture Organization cannot itself command action. It can give no orders to Governments. It can make recommendations, and it will then remain for those who by their votes or passive consent sustain the major Governments of the world to press for action to implement these recommendations.

The conference has been credited with two notable achievements. It has focussed attention on the need for international planning of the food supply, and it has suggested remedies for the evils of maldistribution from which consumers and producers of primary food products alike suffer today. The economic advisory board of FAO has suggested that the World Food Board buy and sell to prevent fluctuations of more than 10 to 15 per cent above and below the long-term world price of each commodity.

BOUQUETS vs. HAND GRENADES

It is reported that one press observer at Copenhagen found the proceedings too tame. He complained that the delegates had spent "too much time throwing bouquets at one another." From Herbert Broadley, a British delegate, came the obvious rejoinder. It is better, said he, that men representing different nations "should be throwing bouquets at one another rather than hand grenades." Personal friendships had been born at Copenhagen, he said, among delegates of many nations and races. These were likely to be lasting, and to exert a beneficial effect upon international relationships.

That those who have executive responsibility in
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Farming in the English Midlands

Notes and Impressions by BEN S. PLUMER

Since his return from the International Farm Conference in London which he attended as one of the Canadian delegates, Mr. Plumer who is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, has held the pleasurable attention of farm and urban audiences by his descriptions of visits to the British countryside, as well as the story of the conference itself. At our request Mr. Plumer has prepared the notes on some aspects of English farming which are printed below.—Editor.

ON the occasion of the recent conference in London that led to the formation of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, many of our Canadian delegates took advantage of the opportunity to see and learn something about British farming. British farming is carried on, of course, under conditions, climatic and otherwise, widely differing from our own. As I have farmed all my life in the central and northern plains of this continent, and for many years in Alberta, it was quite a new experience to come in contact with these conditions and with the British farming methods. Many readers of *The Western Farm Leader* may be as interested as I was to know something about these methods. I learned, by the way, of the very remarkable manner in which British land was reclaimed and made to produce food during the War.

The story of the trip across the Atlantic and of the Conference itself has already been told in these pages. Nevertheless, the description of our arrival in England, given in a booklet issued by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is so good, and recalled to my own mind so vividly the day of our landing at Southampton, that I am tempted to quote:

Traditional Beauty of England

"The day was warm and clear, and England was a land of summer, with all the traditional beauty of the English countryside in full display. The sail past the Isle of Wight and the naval station at Portsmouth, and up Southampton Water to the docks, was an enjoyable and impressive one. As the ship docked, the Lord Mayor of Southampton, in the full regalia of office, came aboard to extend official welcome to the Canadian delegation. With him were officers of the Hampshire County Farmers' Union, who had gone to considerable trouble to facilitate the landing of the delegation, their passage through customs and their departure for London. The two-hour run up to London through the summer evening gave the Canadians a welcome view of south-eastern England, and at Waterloo station they were met by old friends from the National Farmers' Union of England and the Canadian National Railway's London offices.

Tour Through England

"Through the generosity of the National Farmers' Union of the United Kingdom, a tour through England had been arranged for the week prior to the conference, for those delegations who had arrived. This tour covered approximately 600 miles through the Midlands of England. For five days the tour, including some 50 delegates from various countries, visited about six farms each day, the four nights of the tour being spent successively at Oxford, Birmingham, Peterborough and Cambridge. The visitors were struck with the efficiency of British farming and the intensity of cultivation of all the land, and particularly by the high quality of the pastures and meadows. Many of the farms visited were large holdings which were completely mechanized with modern tractors and power machinery."

During the week of our farm visits, a booklet was provided for each delegate, with short commentaries by the owners of the various farms, and I am going to quote verbatim descriptions of their farm operations. One of the farms visited the first day was owned by Mr. J. W. Salter-Chalker, Hinton Farm, Hurst, Reading, and he describes the operation on Hinton Farm as follows:

Main Features of Farms

"The area farmed is nearly 1000 acres, consisting of four farms. The main features of the farms are, on the livestock side, dairying and poultry keeping, whilst on the arable land, the emphasis is placed on cereal and potato production. Dairy herds are



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kept at three farms, and the remaining farm is used for calf rearing and young stock.

"The dairy herds, although before the war consuming considerable amounts of imported feeding stuffs, have in recent years been almost entirely self-supporting. They are fed on ensilage (lucerne and cocksfoot mixture), clover hay, oats, peas and a ration of cake. The milk and eggs are all retailed and it was the practice before the war that produce not required for consumption on the farm to livestock was disposed of direct to the consumer without the need of sale through merchants.

Averaged 1306 Gallons

"The Hinton herd of dairy cattle is British Friesians, founded in a very small way twenty-five years ago, and has been built up by the use of good bulls. This herd of thirty-six cows has averaged up to 1306 gallons per head and for a number of years exceeded the 1000 gallon mark. It has won, as a herd, thirty-seven challenge cups, and has been placed second in the National Competition open to all breeds based on points for inspection, milk records and butter fat percentages.

"The present herd sires are *Egham Turk*, whose mother and grandmother both won milking trials at the London Dairy Show, and *Kingswood Iking*, whose breeding follows high butter fat lines (considerably over 4 per cent), and whose sire, *Dounside Dieukmar P.I.*, is one of the best proven bulls living today.

"At Stanlake Farm the cows are building up to Guernseys. Here the cows lie out all the year round, and are attested and milked by the auto-recorder system.

Out of Doors Throughout Year

"The herd is maintained out of doors throughout the year; this is possible because of the gravelly nature of the soil. Cows are collected into a yard, brought into the milking parlor as

Size of Ink Bottle--But May Be Most Important Invention of War Period

Described as the most important scientific invention of the war, the cavity magnetron was the product of an English professor, J. T. Randall. It is a tiny instrument about the size of an ink bottle in which electrons are whirled around producing a series of vibrations and hence waves, somewhat on the analogy of a siren. It had an essential part in winning the Battle of the Atlantic, in the bombing of the German war machine, and in many other Allied victories.

required, given the ration of cake according to yield while being milked, and turned out immediately after milking. This herd, as at Hinton, has a self-supporting breeding policy; the bull in the herd is *Murrell Renown 7th*, whose sire was the well known Island bull *Renown*.

"Large quantities of roots are grown, mainly mangels, turnips and kale, and are used in the winter and during summer droughts.

"The pastures are mainly temporary and controlled grazing is practised for the dairy herds, while the young stock in the main are sent to river meadows for summer grazing."

Coal Extracted--Farm Production Resumed

Later in the week we visited a farm owned by Mr. Frank Hodges. He tells something of the effort made to place bush land in production, also of a strip mining operation, whereby the coal is extracted from the land and the surface put back into farm production:

"This farm, comprising 500 acres of arable and pasture, is situated in the North-west corner of Leicestershire and is in the centre of the Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Colliery Districts.

"Outcrop coal was first produced from underneath agricultural land in this country in this area of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where at the present moment some 1184 acres are affected, of which some 200 acres have already been restored to pasture."

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AT BETTER DEALERS

ation of the land to some kind of agricultural value was witnessed by the delegates on the outskirts of Ashby on the farm owned by Mr. E. H. Wheatley, known as Cliftonthorpe Farm, where 37-3/4 acres have been requisitioned for working outcrop coal. Continuing thence to Smoyle Farm, restored land put down to grass was seen at the farm known as Old

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A Message to the Younger Generation

By FRANCIS W. MADDOCK, President of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool

Members of our Pool will read with much pleasure and interest the following inspiring message from the president of one of our sister Pools. Mr. Maddock, who is President of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, is no mere theorist of co-operation. He has been practicing it in the farm movement ever since he came to Alberta, and his ability and persistence have been important factors in the development of the very successful Northern Pool. We express our sincere thanks for his contribution.

Yours fraternally,

Gas. A. Wood.

President.

I WANT to address these few remarks to the younger generation, to the boys and girls who have grown up since the first world war and who possibly do not remember the circumstances which led up to the formation of the Pools and the commencement of co-operation in this Province.

Born of Necessity

All great movements are born out of necessity and in this case it was the exploitation of agriculture, not only by the vested interests, but also by many individuals who were unscrupulous enough to take advantage of the unorganized state of the farming

population. Huge profits were being made out of the blood, sweat and toil of the men and women who worked the land, and the returns for their labor were small indeed.

So it was that these conditions compelled agriculture to endeavor to protect itself. An Act was passed by

the Alberta Legislature which was called the Co-operative Marketing Association Act, under which the various Pools were organized, and so a start was made by the farmers to acquire their own plants to process and market their own products. The full price received from their sale then goes to its rightful owners, the producers, after the cost of processing and selling has been paid.



F. W. MADDOCK

Tremendous Growth

How successful this system has been is clearly indicated by the tremendous growth which the various Pools have made during the past twenty years. In the case of our organization, we started operation in the year 1928 with a membership of about 750, and last year (1945) we had a membership of over 27,000.

It is our object to place co-operative marketing facilities at the disposal of every dairyman in Northern Alberta, but in order to do this we must have the wholehearted support and the unswerving loyalty of every one of our members. A co-operative is a great democratic institution, and as such is no stronger than its individual members, as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

We Tend to Forget Depressions

In times of prosperity it is one of our failings as farmers to forget the depressions with their heartaches and their misery and frustrations. We are too apt to open our ears to the honeyed words and false offers of private enterprise designed to undermine and if possible destroy all that you have built up and fostered through those bitter years. Their only object is to further their own selfish interests; and they have not got the same concern for you as you have for your milk cow. You will feed your cow in order that she will give you milk, but they are not concerned with how you eat, but only how much they can get out of you.

And so I say to you, be on guard, man the watch towers. It is more essential at this time than ever before.

A year ago the second World War ended, the shooting ceased, it ended in victory for Democracy. Never in history have we had a finer example of co-operation in action. All liberty loving nations worked together in harmony against a common enemy. The necessity for co-operation was great, and out of that necessity was born the desire to co-operate.

To End Spectre of Famine

It is to be fervently hoped that this same spirit will again return to the earth in order that we may win the Peace, and end forever the dread

spectre of famine and pestilence which threatens the world today.

I would like to impress upon you the great necessity of "Thinking Co-operation; Speaking Co-operation and Acting Co-operation," for

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;

None goes his way alone,

All that we send into the lives of others Comes back into our own.

I care not what his temple or his creeds,

One thing holds firm and fast—

That into his fateful heap of days and deeds,

The soul of man is cast."

—Edwin Markham.

What Makes a Cow Tick?

By A. C. BALTZER, in Michigan Milk Messenger

(Continued from last issue)

Some time ago a farmer asked me to define good hay. My definition for best quality hay, especially alfalfa, calls for one-third or more leaf content with dark green color and soft, fine stems. The hay should have good odor and taste. It should be cut early and not weathered, and should contain over fourteen per cent protein. Much hay does not meet this standard of perfection. Much Michigan hay is of lower quality. In many cases the leaves are missing. Often it is brownish in color. Frequently it is coarse and brittle and has lost its tastiness and aroma. Most frequently it is late cut and nearly full bloom resulting in the protein and other digestible material being locked up in the filter. Such hay frequently contains much less than ten per cent protein.

Values Besides Butterfat

Dairymen have made much of the test of milk because it has been the basis for pricing the product. Dairymen have lost track of the values in addition to the butterfat that milk contains. Milk has in it 4 per cent sugar, 3.7 per cent protein and .7 per cent mineral. With the fat, this adds up to 12-1/2 per cent solids and 87-1/2 per cent or pounds water in every 100 pounds milk.

The cow can manufacture butterfat readily even though the roughage and the grain supplied are fat free. The cow's digestive tract permits her to accumulate the sugars and assimilate the minerals and proteins from the feeds in order to put these component parts into the milk produced. The sugar and the fat are comparatively simple compounds because they are made up of combinations of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. The protein is very complex because nitrogen is added to the above elements to form the protein. The minerals can only be secured from the feeds given and many of them come directly from

Systematic Culling

THE HEN THAT LAYS IS THE HEN THAT PAYS

Culling and marketing the nonlayers is one of the quickest ways of reducing costs.

Practically all hens lay some eggs in the spring months. Now is the time of year when non-layers are most easily spotted.

It helps if there is some other incentive to culling than just the disposal of birds.

Some farmers plan to market enough culls each week to take care of certain regular expenses.

This tends to make culling systematic. The whole family has something at stake and helps hunt the non-layers.

THE BUSY HEN IS THE LAYING HEN

Laying hens are the first out in the morning and last in at night.

No serious mistake can be made in picking up the last off the roost in the morning or the first to go to roost at night.

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Health Co-operative

Co-ordination of co-operative health plans is the objective of the Co-operative Health Federation of America, set up recently by representatives of 24 local medical co-ops.

Discovery that peat is relatively rich in several forms of hard ester waxes may lead to development of a new industry in Britain. After the wax has been extracted, the peat can still be used as fuel.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

To Members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool

A Statement in Behalf of the Board of Directors

Without criticism of the general policy of a non-delivery strike, we should like to call the attention of our own membership to certain peculiarities of their business, the Condensery business in particular, by reason of which they might be seriously hurt under certain conditions, without compensating benefits.

Grain, as you know, with any ordinary care will be as good three months from today as it is today. On livestock there may be some premium lost on the hog that gets too heavy but, other than that, the return will be very much the same. That, however, is not the case with dairy products, and particularly with milk. Dairy products of any type will not keep indefinitely unless they are sterilized and kept under refrigeration. Cream will keep a week or even longer with some deterioration in grade but, in the main, the product can still be utilized. With milk, however, it is different. It sours and then it is of no use for any manufacturing purpose.

It is apparent, therefore, the farmer who destroys his dairy products is not in the same position as the farmer who withholds his grain or his livestock from the market. In the case of the grain farmer, the product is preserved, but in the case of the other, the product will likely be completely lost.

Special Position of Condensery

Now let us look for a minute at our Pool's condensery operation. The farmers of Central Alberta built a large plant at Red Deer. Before it was turned into a profitable operation it lost \$75,000.00. The chief reason was that the production from that plant has to be sold on a consumer demand, which is different from the production from creameries. The Central Alberta Dairy Pool has spent upwards of \$100,000 in building up a consumer demand. If delivery of the milk to that plant is withheld, the result will be to deny the regular consumer demand and, in addition, the consumer demand so denied will get milk of another brand from another Province. The Central Alberta Dairy Pool plant has quotas to meet, but if deliveries are withheld it will not be able to meet them, which will only mean that these quotas will be transferred to other brands of milk, made

the roughage, others from the grain. In view of this need for drawing on a bank account of minerals and food nutrients, it is quickly seen that adequate supplies of roughage must be made available to allow the cow to

run her race in terms of abundant milk production. in outside Provinces and, besides the immediate loss, due to inability to supply the product, a market is going to be sacrificed which cost the members thousands and thousands of dollars to build up. The net result will be that the quotas of evaporated milk will be supplied, not by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool brand of milk, but by some other competing brand.

No doubt the members can see that withholding milk from the Condensery would not result in a shortage to the consumer. Evaporated milk manufacturing plants in Canada will produce, this year, approximately 500,000 to 700,000 cases more than domestic requirements. This surplus is going overseas and any shortage here would be made up by milk from another area. The result of any curtailment of our output would be that there would just simply be less milk sent overseas for the needy people in other Countries.

Not Challenging General Policy

As has been stated, the Directors of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool are not, at this time, challenging the wisdom of the general policy of a non-delivery strike. It shouldn't, however, be necessary to destroy one product while other agricultural products are simply held off delivery for a period of time, and this especially when the product that is destroyed will be of no practical use in assisting to solve or satisfy the grievances presently in consideration.

The Directors of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool suggest that, while it is all right to be enthusiastic, in view of all the hardships of the past, members should not be impractical. There's no wisdom in cutting off our noses to spite our faces.

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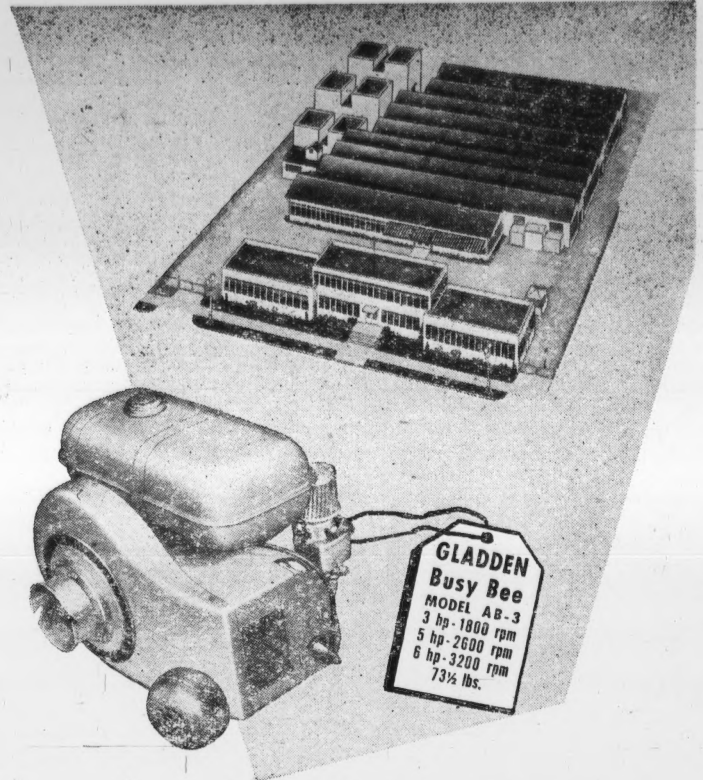
run her race in terms of abundant milk production.

Puzzling to Farmer

Nothing has been more puzzling for the farmer to carry out successfully than to feed cows according to production. The puzzle is made difficult because there are so many variables,—for example, size of cow, pounds milk produced, stage of lactation, per cent of milk fat, whether open or bred, whether dry or pasture fed, kind of feed available, etc. To solve this puzzle, many farmers have fed cows alike. This procedure is not too bad providing ample feeds are given to all cows to maintain a standard level of feed intake to meet the requirement for good maintenance and adequate milk production. The shortcoming with this idea is that too many farmers just never feed. Hence the cow lowers the output of milk and goes on a maintenance level. To prove this point several college professors have followed the farmers' system of feeding the year through a standard volume of hay and grain. This practice was found to be not too bad in terms of getting ample milk production and maintaining good body condition. In other words, it would work with average cows but missed fire in terms of feeding cows with extraordinary ability.

For this reason the recommendation is generally made to supply cows with a liberal volume of roughage of best quality. Twenty pounds of such legume roughage daily is desired and in addition a small amount of silage, 15 to 20 pounds daily, is recommended.

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Describes Main Features of Veterans' Land Act

For qualified veterans, the Veterans' Land Act provides financial assistance to a maximum of \$6,000. Dr. F. J. Greaney, Director, Line Elevators' Farm Service, points out in a recent bulletin. This sum is to cover the cost of land, buildings and other permanent improvements, livestock and farm equipment, with the stipulation that not more than \$1,200 may be used for purchase of livestock and equipment. The veteran must deposit, in cash, ten per cent of the cost of land and buildings; he then signs a contract to repay only two-thirds of

the cost of land, buildings, and other permanent improvements, over a period up to 25 years, with interest at 3-1/2 per cent, amortized. In effect, states the bulletin, the Government absorbs some 23-1/3 per cent of the cost of the land and buildings, plus up to \$1,200 for livestock and equipment. The Act provides also for loans to veterans who own their own land and require funds to resume farming operations, says Dr. Greaney, adding that the Act "offers generous and broad assistance to qualified veterans who want to have a part in Canada's great agricultural industry."

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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Sept. 5th.—Yugoslavia has "unquestionable right" to Trieste, declares Russian spokesman at peace conference. Poison from atom bomb killed animals in tightly closed ship, in "Operation Crossroads".

Sept. 6th.—Centralized German government should be established, says Byrnes. Trieste must be given genuine international status, is British demand. Canada may be asked to store wheat for FAO, states report from Copenhagen food conference.

Sept. 7th.—Third atomic bomb test delayed indefinitely by Truman. Canadian University scientists want bigger part in government atomic project at Chalk River, Ontario, is report following Montreal conference.

Sept. 8th.—Three oil pipelines at Haifa dynamited by Jewish extremists. Yugoslav crowd demonstrates against British and Americans, in Trieste. Two R.A.F. fliers make new speed records, 614 and 616 miles per hour, in Gloster Meteors.

Sept. 9th.—Moscow Red Star charges British are preparing for war. Fifteen hundred "squatters", said to be led by Communists, move into vacant apartment blocks in West End of London.

Sept. 10th.—Attlee appeals to Arabs and Jews to make concessions in Palestine; Arab leaders attend London conference, Jews refuse invitation. U.S. withdraws zone proposals for Trieste, commission to draw up scheme for free city.

Sept. 11th.—Five former Canadian government officials to go on trial September 30th, in espionage case.

Sept. 12th.—Chinese Communists ask armistice. British "imperialism" in Middle East and Russian "retaliation" may lead U.S. into war, Wallace tells New York audience. "Battle of Britain" fought under terrific handicaps, revealed in reports now made public; numbers aircraft, personnel, far below minimum estimates.

Sept. 13th.—Pravda charges U.S. naval policy "offensive".

Sept. 14th.—FAO endorses objectives of international board to stabilize farm prices and provide food where necessary. It would be "dangerous to ignore the Soviet Union" in the Trieste question, or in making the peace, warns Molotov.

Sept. 15th.—Social Democrats far in lead in municipal elections, British zone, Germany; Christian Socialists win in French zone; Socialist Unity Party (Socialist-Communist merger) wins in Russian-occupied Provinces.

Sept. 16th.—Servicemen aid in British harvest; with continued good weather, bulk of crop may be saved.

Sept. 17th.—U.S. and Britain should pool supplies of uranium, thorium, until effective international control atomic bomb secured, says British Labor M.P. Letter Wallace to Truman, written in July, urging changes U.S. foreign policy, milder attitude to U.S.S.R., made public; was stolen from files by columnist, is charge. Canada asks UN Economic and Social Council arrange international refugee organization.

Sept. 18th.—U.S. may discontinue shipments surpluswar supplies to China.

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Parks Farm, owned by Mrs. Ottewell. As this restored land, amounting to 39 acres, has been subject to heavy subsidence, the delegates were able to see the worst effects of land restoration.

Proceeding on to Smoyle Farm, which is about a mile further to the East, the delegates were able to inspect the reclaimed land from rough woodland, bracken, and old grass country at Coleorton Park, in all about 151 acres.

Bush Country Reclaimed

"In 1943", the article goes on, "this land was covered with thorn bushes of many years' growth, providing no herbage, and worthless even from a

grazing standpoint. This was a veritable bush country. Nevertheless, with the use of bulldozers and intensive cultivation, 130 acres was sown with wheat for the 1944 crop, which, despite the ravages of wireworm, produced 130 tons of millable wheat. The remaining 21 acres of bush country were sown down with a permanent ley, mainly comprised of pedigree grasses, on which a herd of Hereford cattle, comprising some 63 head, was successfully grazed in 1945-46.

"The Smoyle Farm itself is principally devoted to the production of milk. Here is a T.T. (attested) herd of pedigree Ayrshire cattle, comprising some 140 head of all ages. This farm is practically entirely self-supporting and produces at the rate of 50,000 gallons of T.T. milk per annum from 50 milkers. The farm is all-electrical, all cows being milked electrically. Expended in terms of cost per gallon of milk produced, the electricity costs the farm, including driveage of plant, lighting of cottages and farm buildings, the sum of .42d. (less than one cent) per gallon.

"The T.T. milk is supplied as to 90 per cent to the workers in heavy industries in the neighborhood, principally coal miners, foundry workers and heavy engineering. The supply of T.T. milk to these workers is, from the medical point of view, reflected in their general health, and, from an economic point of view, in the maintenance of their productive effort."

Intensive Cultivation

I think one of the things which impressed the delegates most was the intensive cultivation to provide the heaviest yields from the land used, many of the farms producing two crops in a season on a portion of the farm. Another thing we noticed particularly was the number of people employed on the good sized farms, but of course this naturally followed with the amount of root crops grown, along with the dairy production. A substantial amount of help was supplied from the Women's Land Army. We saw a great many young women assisting on the farms and they seemed to be quite happy in their work. The farm owners provided good living quarters for them and the only criticism which might be offered (in my opinion) was that the women were paid on a somewhat lower scale than the men.

I have referred to the fact that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has prepared a useful booklet on the Conference and some of the activities surrounding it, entitled "Farmers Form a World Federation". I think a great many farmers would be interested in reading this booklet and believe that copies can be obtained from the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

The delegates from the thirty-one Nations represented were unanimous in their feeling that an International Federation was desirable and necessary—first, to ensure production and distribution of foodstuffs to feed all Nations, and second, to ensure that the farm people producing the food should be adequately recompensed for their production.

I hope these comments will be of interest to some of your readers.

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Better Rural Living Aim of Co-operatives

By THOMAS L. CLEARY

Mr. Cleary's report on the annual five-day session of the American Institute of Co-operation is concluded below from our last issue:

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Businesses buying and selling commodities and performing essential distribution services are in effect the purchasing agents of consumers, in the opinion of Paul S. Armstrong of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange. He pointed out how such service was performed by a co-operative organization—farmers pooling their skill and resources to make possible economies and efficiencies similar to those achieved by large commercial and industrial corporations.

"In doing all these things," Mr. Armstrong declared, "it serves to benefit both the producer and consumer. In fact, no co-operative can serve its producer members well unless in doing so it likewise serves the consumer upon whose buying decisions the destiny of the producer ultimately is made."

E. G. Burland, Deputy Executive

Director of Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc., said, "CARE is an experiment in co-operation. It is a joint venture of some 20 American charities of all types and in addition includes the Co-operative League of the U.S.A. and the welfare branches of the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L."

It is poor planning, in the opinion of H. E. Babcock of Ithaca, N. Y., unless "children are entitled to as much consideration as pigs, calves and chickens." He emphasized the fact that human nutrition has received less research and emphasis than that for livestock.

Stresses "Way of Living"

The "way of living" is too frequently lost sight of by some co-operative leaders intent on building a strong capital structure and large volume, charged M. G. Mann, general manager of the Farmers Co-operative Exchange, Raleigh, North Carolina, during the discussions on co-operative philosophy.

"The purpose of co-operatives," he declared, "is to provide better living conditions for our rural people. That can come only through better farming and better business. There are three betters—better farming, better business and better living—and the most important of these is the end product, better living."

Conditions in Europe

William I. Myers, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Cornell University, trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, and chairman of the board of trustees of the American Institute of Co-operation, just returned from a 6-week tour of four European countries, declared:

"Conditions that make people hungry, cold, shabby, overcrowded, tired and discouraged, also breed desperation and revolution. From my observations as a co-operator looking at postwar Europe, it is my conviction that the first and most important step needed to strengthen the democratic governments in Europe is the improvement of standards of living in all countries.

"We can be thankful that England and France are making good progress with the assistance of loans and help from the United States."

After describing the difficulties of present quadripartite control of Germany, he concluded, "We in the United States are fortunate beyond belief. A round trip to Europe—when travel becomes available—would do more to make us realize our blessings than any other single thing."

"Research Price of Survival"

Dr. Frank Robotka, of Iowa State College and long-time trustee of the Institute, stressed the fact that "research in modern times is the price of survival and progress is axiomatic. Before the day of scientific research there was little progress, and most of that was the result of accidents. Today, the nations, industries and firms that are doing the most research are setting the pace. World War II was largely a race of technical research, which toward the end reached a point of feverish intensity. "Co-operation is no exception to this general rule," Robotka believes.

Co-operation is a bulwark against isms, Father M. M. Coady of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, asserted. He was a leader among those who organized Nova Scotia fishermen into co-operatives that have gained international attention.

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Raymond W. Miller, president and general counsel of the Institute, closed the 18th annual session after it had been decided to hold the 19th annual session of the American Institute of Co-operation August 25th to 29th, 1947, at Fort Collins, Colorado, in

the heart of the Rockies, where 2,000 visitors can be taken care of.

Roy Green, president of the Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College at Fort Collins, extended the invitation, which was heartily seconded by the State Co-operative Council, the State Grange, the State Farmers' Union, and the 9th District of the Farm Credit Administration. Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico and Missouri concurred in the invitation.

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Interests of The United Farm Women

Education - - A War-time Precedent

By ROY McBRIDE, Halkirk

WHEN war came to our peace loving nation in 1939, there was an immediate call for the youth of our nation to take up arms to repel the enemy. And the youth of Canada answered that call in ever-increasing numbers in the course of the war. But as the needs of the services became greater and greater for men with sufficient education for entry on technical courses, it became apparent that there were too few.

As a result schools were operated by the Federal Government under the War Emergency Training Plan and the pre-Aircrew division of the R.C.A.F. And when rehabilitation of our servicemen came in for consideration it was soon realized that thousands would require education before they could be properly and suitably placed in civilian life, and we have a fairly generous educational grant available to all servicemen on discharge.

To Those Who Can't Afford

But does our Canadian youth need a war to get an education? Is there no hope for those who, through no fault of their own, cannot afford the heavy cost of leaving our farm homes to take higher education in city schools and universities? Can democracy survive if higher education remains a privilege of those who are in a position to afford it, rather than those who have the ability?

In Victory Loan campaigns we have heard repeated, over and over again, the slogan, "Invest in the future of Canada". The future of Canada is her youth. The greater the ability of her youth, the greater that future will be. Compared to the war, the cost of educating our youth would be small indeed, and how great the returns! It is the majority that rules in our country, and if the majority of our population have not the education necessary to follow the complex processes of our modern age, what hope is there for our free way of life? All would-be dictators have always depended on ignorance of the masses to carry them to power. How vital then is an investment in the education of our youth to the future of Canada!

A Paying Investment

Politicians may point to the expense, and appeal to taxpayers on this basis. The better educated people are, the greater becomes their productive capacity. If you doubt this compare the per capita production of India with ours. The greater the productivity of a nation, the greater its tax-paying capacity, and I therefore submit that one of the best paying investments Canadians can make in the future of our country is in the education of our young people.

Let us in Alberta give every young man and woman in the Province who has average ability or better, and who is willing to work, an educational grant, without means test or discrimination, on somewhat the same basis as our servicemen's rehabilitation educational benefits. Give our rising generation the highest level of education in the world and they will make Alberta the most progressive, and prosperous, stronghold of democracy in the world.

Westlock U.F.W.A. are offering to pay all expenses to Farm Young People's Week, next year, of the farm boy or girl writing the best essay on why they have not attended F.Y.P.W., and why they wish to do so. This Local also decided to invest \$300 in their co-op store.

Mrs. Spencer's Letters

We regret interruption in this issue of Mrs. Spencer's series of letters, which will be resumed in our next issue.—Editor.

U.F.W.A. Local News

Mrs. Allen Drysdale and Mrs. Everett Sheehan were elected officers of Clairmont U.F.W.A., reorganized recently by Mrs. V. C. Flint.

Lamont U.F.W.A. raised funds by serving lunches at the Summer Conference, and by a sale of miscellaneous articles, writes Mrs. R. E. Anderson, secretary. Seven quilts have been made for the Red Cross, and a quilt and layette provided for a needy family.

The Junior camping trip to the Red Deer River "Bad Lands" and the Junior visit to the Experimental Farm at Brooks was the subject of an interesting report, by Mrs. R. F. Williams, to Arrowwood U.F.W.A., recently. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Hough led a good discussion on education, and plans were made for a shower in honor of Mrs. Norman Miller.

Farm Home and Garden

Princess Tart Filling: Mix 1 large cup sour milk or thin cream with 3/4 cup sugar, 1 tbs. flour, 2 eggs, pinch of salt, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/3 cup raisins. Pour into pastry shells and cook in moderate oven until set.

Rayon Dresses: that become limp in laundering can be spruced up by rinsing in a solution of plain gelatine dissolved in hot water. And old rayon underwear makes good, lintless cloths for polishing silver, mirrors, etc.

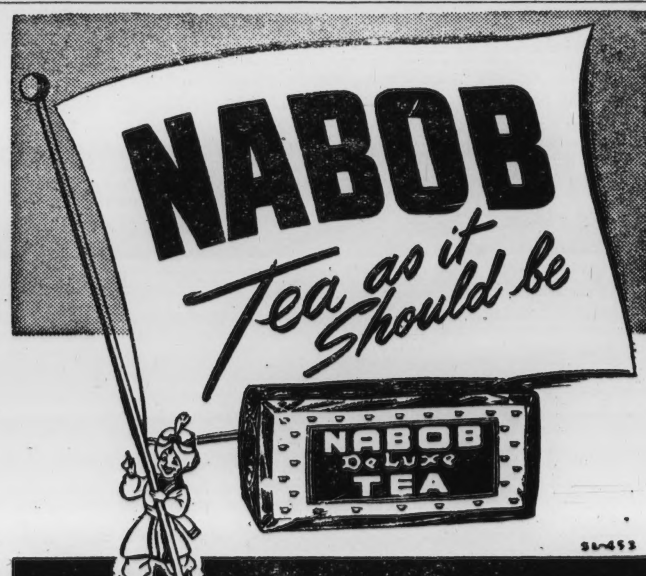
Pickled Onions: Peel onions and soak overnight in brine (1 cup salt to 1 gallon water). Boil 2 quarts vinegar with 1 cup honey, 1 cup sugar, 2 oz. pickling spice. Cool. Drain onions and pack into jars. Pour vinegar mixture (when quite cold) over onions and seal. Will be ready to use in thirty days.

To Press Hem: Turn up hem, baste, and press, from the bottom up—never around the bottom of the garment. Finish, and press; remove bastings, and press lightly once more.

Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce: Boil cauliflower until tender. Make a medium white sauce of 2 cups boiling cauliflower water, 2 tbs. flour, 2 tbs. butter or mild-flavored dripping; add 1/2 cup thinly sliced cheese, and stir until melted; pour over cauliflower.

Celery Chowder: Cook 2 cups chopped celery and 1 cup diced carrots, 1 small onion minced in 2 cups water until tender; add 2 tbs. butter, then sprinkle over 2 tbs. flour; add vegetable water, 3 cups milk, salt and pepper. Cook 5 minutes.

Gifts totalling \$150,000,000 have been received by UNRRA.



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Hussar U.F.W.A. are sponsoring a clinic, held in the Community Hall every third Thursday, for Hussar and Chancellor children.

Very good discussion arose after reading of the bulletins on Health and Education, at the last meeting of Stettler U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. A. Payne, secretary; there was also a general discussion on the demands behind the farmers' strike.

Meat coupons were collected at a recent meeting of Two Rivers U.F.W.A., to be sent to the Ration Board. A clipping was read on waste food, and the meeting decided to limit lunch in future to two items and a beverage.

Each member brought a food contribution for a parcel for overseas, and "tea money" was used to pay the postage, reports Mrs. W. H. Bell, secretary of Baintree U.F.W.A. There was an enthusiastic discussion on co-operation, following mention of the taxation of co-operatives, and the



New Junior Local

Edward Ness recently organized Wolfedale Junior U.F.A., in the Wolford district. Billy Dawson was elected president, Marie Hansen secretary, and W. J. Harper is supervisor.

Agricultural Scholarships

The U.G.G. scholarship, awarded by the Agricultural Institute of Canada, was won by H. W. Harries, Calgary. Among the other 19 winning \$800 agricultural scholarships were J. M. Bell and H. Hurtig, Edmonton; R. C. Jenkins, Bon Accord; S. B. Slen and Frank Whiting, Lethbridge, and W. B. Thompson, Youngstown.

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To balance the ration, the grain is varied in order to meet more exactly the individual cow's needs. For example, a cow producing 60 pounds of 3.8 to 4.0 test milk would need 15 to 16 pounds grain daily with the best quality of roughage whereas such a cow receiving a lower grade of roughage would need more grain, perhaps as many as 20 pounds daily. Hence the roughage is the basis for evaluating the type of grain feeding program the individual farmer should follow. Roughage is the cheaper source of nutrients generally, but if the nutrients are not available in the roughage, then grain must be used to adequately supply.

Celebrate Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary

A happy event was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Debs Nelson of the Wood River district of Ponoka on Sunday, September 8th, when over 300 friends and neighbors gathered at the Nelson farm to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nelson upon the occasion of their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Nelson is a delegate of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool and his interest and work for the Co-operative way of life have been very much appreciated in the district.

The celebration was made doubly happy by the announcement of the engagement of "Vicky" Nelson, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Debs Nelson, to Mr. Lloyd Montgomery, who is a valued member of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool staff at Ponoka.

The Directors and management of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Nelson a long and happy life together.

Pope Supports Co-operation (Co-op. League News Service)

STRASBOURG, France. — Pope Pius XII advocated the formation of co-operatives in a message addressed to the recent conference of French Catholics here.

necessity of supporting co-operation at every opportunity was stressed.

Mrs. R. Hepburn gave a good report on the Olds Rest week, at a recent meeting of Loyalty U.F.W.A. (Huxley). The bulletin on composite high schools was found interesting and enlightening, reports Mrs. F. Hoppins, secretary.

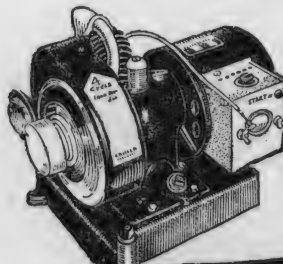
Mrs. Russell Johnston recently re-organized Helmsdale U.F.W.A. and Mrs. Donald Sutherland and Mrs. Fred Roberts were elected as officers. At the August meeting, in the home of Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Lewis Thomas gave a very interesting paper on composite high schools and conducted a lively discussion on education.

The treasurer's report, presented to the last meeting of Fort Saskatchewan U.F.W.A., showed a balance on hand of over \$96, proceeds from three projects—sale of a quilt, and sale of lunches at a picnic and a field day. Mrs. Underwood gave an interesting account of her visit to an orange farm in California.



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Health Region No 1 of the Province of Saskatchewan, set up last fall in the Swift Current area, plans to institute a complete system of medical care, surgery and hospitalization on July 1st. It is the first of fourteen, planned to cover the Province.

The complete scheme will be financed on a contributory basis, with a personal tax of \$5.50 per person and a general tax of one and one-half mills on all taxable assessments in the region. Doctors will be paid 75 per cent of the regular schedule of fees set in 1938.

In addition to the personal health service, public health work has been greatly expanded with a staff of fourteen instead of four as formerly.

During the war years the Canadian Red Cross received over \$80,000,000 in voluntary contributions from all sources.

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FARM STRIKE

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except fluid milk to the cities. The Saskatchewan organization, it was explained, lacks authority under its constitution to order its locals to strike, but many of the locals had done so, and 160 communities in northern Saskatchewan had stopped deliveries.

The strike ballot of the Alberta Farmers Union, by which the strike was authorized, read as follows:

NON-DELIVERY STRIKE BALLOT

- (1) Immediate establishment of a FACT FINDING BOARD to determine PARITY PRICES—Personnel of such Board to consist of Organized Farmers, Business, Labor and Government representatives.
- (2) PRICE LEVEL—To be based on \$1.55 net to farmers for all wheat produced—Basis No. 1. Northern Fort William for next five-year period.
- (3) SATISFACTORY Floor Prices for Livestock, Poultry and Dairy Products.
- (4) IMMEDIATE REMOVAL of all increase in Machinery prices since 1944 level.
- (5) REMOVAL OF BOTH recent price increase of 2c per gallon on gasoline and 3c Federal War Measure tax.
- (6) I am definitely opposed to any proposed INCOME TAX levy on Co-operative Savings.
- (7) FARMERS INCOME Tax Laws to conform with brief presented to

Federal Government by Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

- (8) Complete Abolishment of the GRAIN EXCHANGE.
- (9) An Equitable Adjustment in the grossly unfair Freight Rates.

Are you prepared to withhold all farm produce until satisfactory negotiations are completed on the above nine (9) points?

YES.
NO.

MARK X

CANADIAN FEDERATION (Official Statement)

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. — "Sitting in semi-annual session at Charlottetown, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture issued a public statement making it emphatically clear that it had no official connection with, nor had it endorsed in any way, the course of action of the Alberta Farmers' Union in calling for a producers' strike to enforce certain demands upon the Federal Government. "In the first place," said the statement, the Canadian Federation was "not in a position to deal with, nor support, the action, although it had been requested to do so, for the reason that the Provincial member body concerned, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, had neither endorsed nor recommended the strike action of the Alberta Farmers' Union, an affiliate of the Alberta Federation." The statement also pointed out, "that on two separate occasions earlier this year, the Federation had requested the Federal Government to name a

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The world production of wheat is estimated at 10 per cent above that of 1945. This increase, however, is not going to supply the prospective demand and restore depleted reserves. The prospects are for continued heavy exports for another year at least.

Canada and the United States have big crops, the total wheat production of the two countries being estimated at 1,607 million bushels (1,167 million for the U.S.A. and 440 million for Canada). The wheat carryovers in these two nations at the end of last crop year totalled only 170.8 million bushels (101 million for the U.S.A. and 69.8 million for Canada). This gives a total volume of wheat for the two countries amounting to around 1,778 million bushels.

Domestic consumption of wheat in the United States is anticipated to be around 730 million bushels. In Canada total consumption may be around 125 million bushels. This gives the total of 855 million bushels for domestic needs, leaving 923 million available for export and carryover.

A carryover of 101 million bushels of wheat for the United States is

commission to study the relationship of the major groups of the nation, with respect to the division of the national income, with the objective of attaining a balanced economy as between these major groups, namely, agriculture, labor and industry. The first occasion was the annual presentation of the Federation to the Dominion Cabinet on March 28th, and the second occasion was a written recommendation to the Chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee of the House of Commons, early in August, that the House Committee ask the Government to name such a commission.

"Although no such commission was named, the Canadian Federation has been assured that preliminary research work has been under way for some months, particularly with respect to agricultural prices.

"As opposed to strike action, the directors of the Federation in Charlottetown declared their decision to remain consistent with the Federation's own policy of achieving objectives through negotiation and consultation with government authorities."

U.F.A. POSITION STATED

Following a meeting of the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta, last week, George E. Church, president, gave out the following statement: "At any time the subject of direct action has been before our convention, the delegates have refused to endorse the principle. Neither our Board nor our Executive therefore have any mandate to support or encourage strike action in any way. We have made that plain on all occasions during the past year.

"In refusing to endorse the principle of direct action we have no doubt our delegates were guided by the well defined course of action followed by our organization in recent years, that is, to work in the fullest co-operation with other farm bodies in Canada through the Federation of Agriculture. The Federation now speaks for 300,000 farm families in Canada. Through that association we believe we have made tremendous strides in the last few years in promoting those policies which are most essential to the farmers' security and wellbeing.

"Having regard to the progress already made, our Executive would not part company with our affiliate bodies of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture by taking separate action on any matter of general importance without a very definite direct mandate from our annual convention."

The Dairy Market

Locally, butterfat remains at 38 cents, plus 10 cents subsidy, while prints are 40 cents. Outside markets continue at the ceiling; Toronto and Montreal are quoting 40 cents, Vancouver 39-1/4 cents.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Sept. 17th.—Trade active, prices steady, sales yards today 450 head. Hogs sold today \$20.25, Grade A, yards and plants, sows \$15 liveweight. Good lambs \$12.25, good ewes \$6.25. Good to choice steers \$12 to \$12.75, down to \$9.50 for common. Good to choice heifers \$11.25 to \$12, down to \$9 for common. Good cows \$9 to \$9.50, down to \$7 for common. Canners, cutters, \$4.50 to \$6.50. Good bulls \$9 to \$9.50. Good to choice vealers \$11.50 to \$12.50, down to \$9 for common. Good stocker feeder steers \$10 to \$11, down to \$8.50 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Sept. 17th.—Only 61 head cattle, 2 calves received today; insufficient to test quotations.

much too small. A figure of 250 million will be barely sufficient to give assurance against the possibility of a crop failure. On the same basis Canada should have a larger carryover than 69.8 million bushels. It is likely, therefore, that both these countries will endeavor to build up their reserve stocks.

UNRRA Should Be Continued

It is important to Canadian farmers that UNRRA, whose term of life expires at the end of the year, should be continued. That organization has been instrumental in supplying great quantities of food for famine-ridden European and Asiatic nations. If its life is not extended there will be a decline in exports. UNRRA is financed principally by the United States and the British Empire.

The Food and Agriculture Organization, now convening in Denmark, is striving hard to work out a formula for the better feeding of the world and for better means of handling food surpluses. Its objectives, while worthy, may take many years to work out.

Looking at the world picture at the present time, it is plain that food will be a scarce article for another year at least. By that time European agriculture will probably have made a good start towards recovery.

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OTTAWA LETTER

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and the Premiers of the two Provinces nothing is being said. There is no attempt to minimize the seriousness of the situation and of the principles involved.

It has been quite evident that no other meeting of the nations of the world carried through its work with such complete harmony as the Food and Agricultural Organization at Copenhagen. It is true that the U.S.S.R. was not represented, but there is no particular reason for believing that the efforts that, it is stated, will be made to get Russia to join in the work of setting up the World Food Board and laying down the direction of its work need necessarily be unsuccessful.

Colossal Task for Food Board

The task before such a Board is obviously colossal, and it will naturally be a long laborious job requiring infinite patience and foresight to raise agricultural and nutritional standards throughout the world; but everyone agrees that it is at least encouraging that the nations are agreed that such an aim is desirable and that in time a world-wide improvement can be made. It seems clear that the Canadian delegation played an important part in the conference.

EDITORIAL

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the FAO are fully alive to the need to ensure adequate returns to primary producers was made clear at the International Farm Conference in London, England, some months ago. On that occasion S. L. Loewes, Chief Advisor to Sir John Orr, stated, as reported in our columns:

"Internationally, it is absolutely true that a prosperous farmer means a prosperous world. For a very short time other groups may flourish, while the farmer starves; but soon the agricultural crisis will become a general economic crisis, with unemployment, and other evils. One may say that this is more or less part of the common opinion; but there is a long, long way between this general opinion and real practical measures to create the possibility of a permanently prosperous farming community. . . . What is really needed is general agreement between the farmers of the world on the basis for a world food and agricultural policy."

The extent to which we in Canada can contribute to such world agreement will depend, first of all, upon the degree of unity and amity that we can attain among ourselves—first of all upon goodwill between neighbor and neighbor on the farm, and then upon the building up of our farm organizations as a means to strengthening the hands of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.



Don't approach horses from behind without speaking to warn them, urges the National Safety Council (U.S.). Don't lead the bull around—have a properly built, safe, bull pen. One out of every four fatal farm accidents occurs in handling livestock.

Correspondence

A Very Great Canadian—and a Plea for a Square Deal for First Volunteers in World War II.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Few and far between are the Canadians of today who cherish with grateful thoughts the memories of Dr. Norman Bethune and the boys of the Mackenzie Papineau Battalion in the days when World War Number Two was well under way. Alas, how short is the memory of the masses of the people.

Dr. Bethune was a very great Canadian, a scientist, a marvellous surgeon. He had a great vision of the future value of blood transfusion and the use of blood plasma. In those days, when the Dictators were on the march in Spain, he went over there along with those other Canadian boys who were the first Volunteers in the second world war. This experience demonstrated to the whole world of science the value of blood plasma on the front line. Later, scores of thousands of Americans, Canadians, British and Russians lived because of the work of Dr. Bethune. Later, when our cause went down to defeat in Spain, he went right on to another front of the same war. In the mud and misery and blood of China he worked and died. So passed on one of the greatest Canadians.

How many Canadians today give a passing thought to the 1500 other Canadians who went to fight the battle of Democracy at the same time. Those boys of the Mackenzie Papineau Battalion went out to face greater odds, more certain death, than any who enlisted later. For them there were no hospitalization, no proper equipment, no arms, no pay, no pensions. All this they knew and more, but still they went and fought for the legitimate Government of Spain, whose Cabinet, by the way, did not contain one Communist. Many of these Canadian lads perished.

When that gallant Government of Spain went into exile through the shameful betrayal by our Government, the British, the American and the Russian Governments, then, and not till then, did our boys give up.

Today those men are the forgotten men of Canada. Let us Canadians, in the name of equity and justice, see to it, through Federal action, that those boys who fought on the blood-red fields of Spain get every single thing that is given to the rest of our Canadian boys who enlisted later in the same War. This must mean pensions, pay, gratuities, dependents' allowances—everything.

This was one of the Resolutions passed at the recent Convention of the U.F.A. in Acadia.

Hanna. JACK SUTHERLAND

The tea held by Conrich U.F.W.A., in the Community Hall, yielded \$66 for the treasury, it was reported at a recent meeting. A guessing contest, a grab bag, the book review and bulletin completed the program; the subject (Education) aroused more discussion than any other for many months, writes Mrs. T. J. Giles, secretary.

Painful Memories

Most farmers fully realize that war-time demands for their products are exceptional and not normal. Most farm people submitted to war-time restrictions with little complaint. But farm people are painfully aware of what happened to them in depression years. They do not want a return of such conditions. They are prepared to go to any lengths to prevent such a possibility.

Alberta Wheat Pool

FIRST SINCE WAR

KANSAS CITY.—Co-op lubricating oil was shipped recently by Consumers' Co-operative Association to the Poultry Farmers Co-operative, Brisbane, Australia. It was the first

trans-Pacific shipment since the war.

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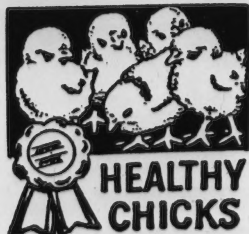
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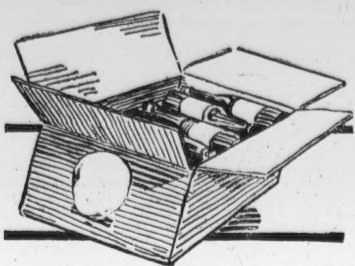


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—V.B.

That old saying, "All is fair in love and war", has now been modernized to include Peace as well.

And listen, fellows, if you want to know what your wife will look like, take a look at her mother—then look at your father.

"Plato" says: The curved line is the most beautiful distance between two points.

ATOMIC THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

The world may not know where it's going but it's on its way.

Joe: It takes a whole day to color a Ukrainian Easter Egg.

Mary of Carbon: Wow! A whole day?

Knotty Frankie: What's so amazing about that? It takes the hen a whole day merely to lay it.

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In the proud joy of your heart:

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—Volodimir Barabash.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Postcard from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest declares that women have at last achieved democracy—their latest hats are crownless.

And if (at this time of writing) this wet weather continues we shall be obliged to go dry—if you see what we mean.

News item states that during certain Hindu funeral ceremonies they crack the skulls of the dead. That's nothing. Over here at some of our western celebrations we crack the skulls of the living.

Mary Nickell of Sikeston, Mo., became the bride of Kenneth Dollar, a marine just returned from three years overseas service.

—The Western Producer.

Now, who married whom for their money?

We see where a number of U.S. returned men have started a frog farm down South. That ought to keep 'em on the hop.

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As a brief preface to the book states, those who read may be assured that these glimpses of Western trails are not synthetic, but the everyday intimate expressions of the writer. Catherine Bond Dick was born in 1891 in Nova Scotia but came with her parents to the foothills cattle country south of Calgary in the late nineties.

Those were the pioneer days of Alberta—the old west of the open prairie, long days in the saddle, brilliant sunshine; horses, cattle, round-ups, tied in with the hardships and the happiness of those who helped to make Alberta the wonderful Province it is.

There must be many readers of The Western Farm Leader who in conning Mrs. Dick's poems will renew old friendships even though in memory only. To those who know this old-time western land, I strongly recommend this little booklet. It is bound to tug at their heartstrings and for a time they will wander once again along those trails which led sometimes to failure, but so often to success.

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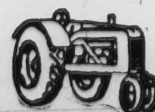
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